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AWARDING OF RESEARCH CONTRACTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the research contracts on various fields are awarded to Consultants, NGOs, Academic and Research Organisations;

(b) if so, the criteria adopted for awarding the contracts;

(c) the list of the research contracts with the name of the organizations awarded during the last three years and its progress;

(d) whether research contracts are available on the website of the Ministry; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER O F THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS A N D INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR.SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) and (b): The Studies of Demographic and socio-economic profile of users and of demand for various of telecom services were awarded by the Department of Telecommunicatins in the reputed academic and research organizations in respect of some States. The proposals were processed on the basis of the performance in their presentations made by various institutes before the Telecom Commission, their past experience, methodology and costs.

The Department of Information Technology promotes Research & Development by providing grants in aid support to academic and research institutions for undertaking R&D in identified thrust areas. Detailed guidelines are available on the Department of Information Technology website (www.mit.gov.in). While giving the R&D grant the Department seeks advisory support from Expert Groups whose members are drawn from academic and research institutions, industry and user organizations.

(c) and (d): The list of Studies awarded and completed by Department of Telecommunications during the last three years with names of organisations is given in the Annexure. A Directory of Extramural R&D projects is published annually by the Ministry of Science & Technology. The publication also includes the projects funded by the Department of Information Technology. The directory is available on their website (www.nstmis-dst.org). Information on selected R&D by Department of Information Technology projects is available on the website of the Department (www.mit.gov.in).

(e): Does not arise.